



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Grades 3 - 8 Mon 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. (Wis 12:19)

**Psalm** — Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

**Second Reading** — The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. (Rom 8:26)

**Gospel** — “Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” (Mt 13:30)

## 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:

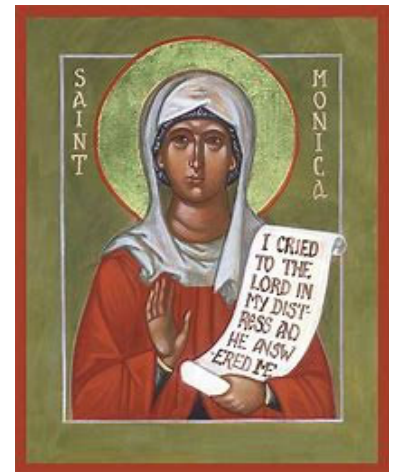


Dear Parishioners,

Our first dates for photos for the parish picture directory are this week. It looks like there are still plenty of open spots available. Please schedule your day and time as soon as possible. The new directory will be a very nice addition to our upcoming 50th Anniversary Year, which begins this November. More on that in next weeks bulletin. For your photos, this is a great opportunity to get family members together for your own personal family portraits. Simply go online and sign up today. If you need assistance scheduling a time, please give us a call and we can help you with that.

I have noticed we have not had any altar flowers recently. I want to remind you that you can order flowers during Ordinary Time for our Blessed Mother or St. Joseph Shrines by calling the parish office. During the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Easter, we take care of that from our flower collections (in Lent flowers are not permitted, save for the feasts of St. Joseph and the Annunciation). So, during Ordinary Time you may offer flowers in memory of a loved one and we will publish the name(s) in the bulletin. Ordinary Time is the liturgical time in between the seasons mentioned, most easily noticed by the use of the liturgical color of green.

Looking ahead a little to August, the 27th is the feast of St. Monica. She is the mother of St. Augustine, who famously prayed and wept, and no doubt fasted too, for about 17 years for her son Augustine's conversion. She also prayed for many years for her husband and mother-in-law to be converted. She is a great example of patient suffering and prayer for the conversion of a loved one. St. Monica has become a source of hope and inspiration for all those who mourn the lack of faith in a loved one and pray for a conversion. I have long wanted to begin to offer Mass each year on or near her feast day for this intention and I think the Lord is telling me to do this now. This year, St. Monica's feast day falls on a Sunday, so it is not observed in the liturgy, so we will have Mass the next day, which is the feast of her son, St. Augustine, for the intention of the conversion of our loved ones back to the regular practice of the faith. The Mass will be at 7PM, Monday August 28, and I invite you to come and we will offer this Mass for anyone and everyone you know and love who is no longer (or never did) practice the faith. My hope is to make this an annual event on or near St. Monica's feat day. Like St. Monica we must never despair of the possibility of conversion. Our prayers will water the seed of faith that may be lying dormant, but that is surely still present and by grace able to spring to life again.



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, 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.





# Mass Intentions:

- 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
- Mon 7/24 8:30 AM Leona Wolania (Friend)
- Tues 7/25 6:30 PM Clifford Morgan (Family)
- Wed 7/26 8:30 AM Jim Gaboviotz (JoAnn & Frank Klucsarits Jr.)
- Thu 7/27 8:30 AM Ann Augustine (JoAnn & Frank Klucsarits Jr.)
- Fri 7/28 No Mass
- Sat 7/29 4:30 PM Stephen Poliquin (Beth and Mary Trexler)
- Sun 7/30 8:30 AM Kathryn Cooper (JoAnn & Frank Klucsarits Jr.)
- 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

7/9	Sunday Collection	\$2,879 .00
	Donations	\$595.00
	School	\$68.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$125.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,667.00</b>

# Thank You!

### Lector Ministry Schedule

July 29-30	
Sat 4:30 PM	Steve Bertalan
Sun 8:30 AM	Tony Fixl
Sun 10:30 AM	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 23 to 29

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of*  
**Konrad Goworowski (Elizabeth Getz)**  
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*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of*  
**Wednesday Adorers**

## 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!



## 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

JULY		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Fri. 7/28	9:30am	Carl Niedzwiecki, Tony Scarselletti

## Marian High School Blue & Gold Club Raffle Tickets!!

WIN 2 Tickets to see the Defending NFC Champions Philadelphia Eagles vs Cleveland Browns on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 7:30 pm, at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. Club Box Tickets--the very best VIP tickets in the stadium! A reserved parking pass is included!

The package value is over \$650.00!----Donation: \$10.00  
Drawing Date: Saturday, August 12, 2023

You can contact the school at 570-467-3335 or one of the Parent Volunteers listed below for a ticket:

Janis Dvorak 570-929-2921 ◇ Diane Dutz 570-233-3739

Kathy Goff 610-704-8037 ◇ Jacquie Davidovich

570-436-3937 ◇ Jenn Segilia 570-436-0782 ◇ Jeanett

Barron 570-436-2052 ◇ Sue Sernak Martinelli 570-956-3626

The mission of the Marian Catholic Blue & Gold Club is to support Marian Catholic's students, staff, and facilities through fundraisers held throughout the year.



# Catholic Charities'

## VIRTUAL Baby SHOWER

### July 8, 2023-August 6, 2023





**We need your help! Our Baby Closet is running low on essential items needed for little ones.**



Participate in our virtual baby shower by dropping off items to one of our donation drop off locations! Scan the QR Code to see a full list of drop off locations.



*Items Needed:*

- Diapers – Size 3 and up
- Wipes
- Summer and Fall clothing – Boys and Girls sizes Newborn through 5T
- Crib sheets
- Baby Wash
- Baby Lotion

Questions? Call 610-435-1541 ext. 340 or email [rdowney@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:rdowney@allentowndiocese.org)



**St. Nicholas is a drop-off point for the Virtual Baby Shower. Please leave your donations on the table set up in the portico.**

## 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

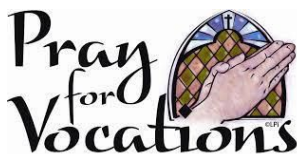
Walnutport Canal Pavilion

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)



## Holy Hour for Vocations

**When:** Wednesday, August 2nd 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Where:** St. Clare of Assisi Church  
250 E. Hancock St.  
Saint Clair, PA 17970

Please join us for a Holy Hour for Vocations lead by Seminarian Jeff Tomczyk.

Any young adult male who would be interested in or has an inquiry of the Priesthood is welcome to join the Seminarians at a cookout at 4:30 PM at St. Clare of Assisi. Please call the rectory at 570-429-0370 no later than July 31st if interested.

## 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](http://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org) 'events' or email: [fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:fundraising@stnicholaswalnutport.org).

