



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Administrative Assistant:** Deacon Mike Kudla



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

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — “Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested.” (1 Kgs 3:11-12)

**Psalms** — Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

**Second Reading** — For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (Rom 8:29)

**Gospel** — “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” (Mt 13:44)

### Parish Office and Religious Education:

610-767-3107  
E-mail: [stnick11@ptd.net](mailto:stnick11@ptd.net)

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

### St. John Newman Regional School: (K-8)

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:

484-272-2858

### Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Pamela Russo, MSW, MA  
Secretary for Youth Protection  
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC  
Direct Telephone 800-791-9209

## 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)

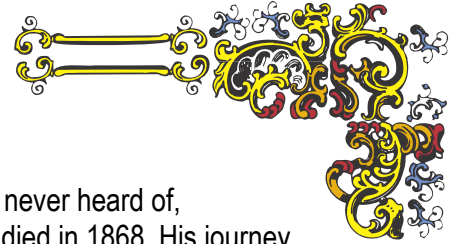
### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

This week on August 2nd, we have the feast day of a saint you may have never heard of, St. Peter Julian Eymard. St. Peter was a French priest who was born in 1811 and died in 1868. His journey of faith led him from diocesan priesthood to join the Marist Fathers and then finally founding a community of priests called the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, who are dedicated to Adoration of the Eucharist and to preaching about the Holy Eucharist. Part of their mission was also in reaching out to inactive Catholics and inviting them to come back to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. St. Peter's writings about the Holy Eucharist are quite inspiring and in them he teaches us how to live a Eucharistic day. One of the things he recommends to us is to call to mind often, wherever we are, that Our Lord is present in the tabernacle and to unite ourselves spiritually with Him. The piety and devotion with which we receive Holy Communion also helps us call to mind our Lord's presence throughout the day. A good part of this piety is taking a few moments to pray after Mass, taking the Lord and asking Him to help us receive all that He wants to give us in Communion. I have found the two prayers below are beautiful in helping to receive the grace the Lord wants to bestow in Holy Communion and to be so transformed by Him in order to carry the Lord forth into the world. I hope you find them helpful to you as too.

## Prayer to Saint Joseph After Mass

O Guardian of virgins and patron of fathers, Saint Joseph, to whose faithful custody Innocence itself, Christ Jesus, and Mary, Virgin of virgins, was committed; I pray and beseech thee by each of these, your dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, that, being preserved from all uncleanness, I may with spotless mind, pure heart, and a chaste body, ever serve Jesus and Mary most chastely all the days of my life.  
Amen.

Peace- Father Adam



## A Prayer for After Mass - by St. Thomas Aquinas

I give thanks to Thee, O Lord, most holy, Father almighty, eternal God, that Thou hast vouchsafed, for no merit of mine own, but out of Thy pure mercy, to appease the hunger of my soul with the precious body and blood of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Humbly I implore Thee, let not this holy communion be to me an increase of guilt unto my punishment, but an availing plea unto pardon and salvation. Let it be to me the armour of faith and the shield of good will. May it root out from my heart all vice; may it utterly subdue my evil passions and all my unruly desires. May it perfect me in charity and patience; in humility and obedience; and in all other virtues. May it be my sure defense against the snares laid for me by my enemies, visible and invisible. May it restrain and quiet all my evil impulses, and make me ever cleave to Thee Who art the one true God. May I owe to it a happy ending of my life. And do Thou, O heavenly Father, vouchsafe one day to call me, a sinner, to that ineffable banquet, where Thou, together with Thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art to Thy saints true and unfailing light, fullness of content, joy for evermore, gladness without alloy, consummate and everlasting happiness. Through the same Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## 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.



## Summer Bible Study— Date Change!

Our final seminarian-led Bible study has **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.





# Mass Intentions:

- 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
- Mon 7/31 8:30 AM Frank Klucsarits (JoAnn & Frank Klucsarits Jr.)
- Tues 8/1 6:30 PM Kelly Andrews (Fred & Mari Seiler)
- Wed 8/2 8:30 AM St. Nicholas Memorial Society
- Thu 8/3 8:30 AM Fr. Sedar and Dcn. Mike (Friend)
- Fri 8/4 No Mass
- Sat 8/5 4:30 PM Steven Poliquin (Art & Louise Mazza)
- Sun 8/6 8:30 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM Felicia Dormans (Tina Dormans)

## The Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish

All adult parishioners (both women and men) are welcomed to join our next meeting which will be held on **Wednesday August 02, 2023 at 6:30PM beginning with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**



## Blessed Mother Flowers

November 19 through 25

## 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-Thank You

7/16	Sunday Collection	\$2,411.00
	Eastern Europe	\$315.00
	Donations	\$212.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$135.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,073.00</b>

George Woytko (*Mary Woytko*)



### 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 30 to August 5

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of For the Sick (Ann Fritz) Wednesday Adorers*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

## 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

### Lector Ministry Schedule

	August 5-6	August 12-13
Sat 4:30 PM	Steve Bertalan	Bill Caserta
Sun 8:30 AM	Barbara Schmidt	Brian Keefe
Sun 10:30 AM	Carl Litwin	Brianna Pereira

## 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



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**Questions? Call 610-435-1541 ext. 340 or email [rdowney@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:rdowney@allentowndioocese.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:** This Sunday—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 this Sunday, July 30th 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 Aug 12+13 after Masses. Kids under 18 are free. 50 cents/ticket. The picnic will be open to Assumption, Sacred Heart in Palmerton, and all St. John Neumann families.

Looking for Food donations.

Thank you all who signed up to Volunteer. However, we now need 6 Volunteers to make Cakes and 3 Grill Masters. Sign-up sheets in the Portico.

Contact Bob Watkins cell: 484-515-5242 or email: [wattiesw@ptd.net](mailto:wattiesw@ptd.net)

## Bible Study Thursdays

**A new Bible Study, Understanding The Book of Revelation, will begin on Thursday September 07, 2023 at 6:30PM.**

The Book of Revelation is full of profound symbolism, but it is often misunderstood. In order to understand **Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come**, please join us!

Everyone (parishioners and non-parishioners) is welcome and all you have to do is to pre-order your Workbook now by contacting Gene Ballas at 610-533-1617 and/or [geneballas@msn.com](mailto:geneballas@msn.com). The cost is \$27.95. This will be an eleven (11) week program held every other Thursday on the following dates (9/07, 9/21, 10/05, 10/19, 11/09, 11/23, 12/07, 12/21, 01/04, 01/18, and 02/01/2024).



## 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	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.

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



AUGUST		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 8/2	5:30pm	Meg Schell, Kate Kern, Laura Nederostek
Fri. 8/11	9:30am	Mike & Donna Unger, Giovanna Noto