



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Administrative Assistant:** Deacon Mike Kudla



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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**August 6, 2023**

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

**Psalms** — The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth. (Ps 97)

**Second Reading** — When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. (2 Pt 1:17-18)

**Gospel** — And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)

### 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)

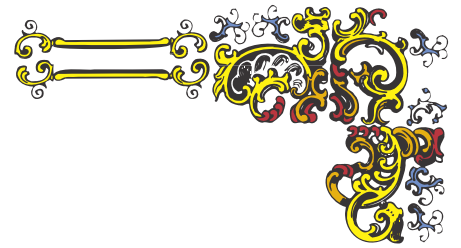
### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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 Thank You from our Seminararian:



Dear Saint Nicholas Family,

It has been a joy to worship, pray, work, and be with you over this summer. Thank you for witnessing to the joy of our faith, for welcoming me into this community, and for teaching me how to teach! I loved my time in Walnutport and will miss being here when back at the seminary. Thank you, Father Sedar, for your gracious hospitality, for bearing patiently with my quirks, and most especially, for feeding me!

My confirmation saint, Saint Irenaeus, once said, "the glory of God is man fully alive." God is infinite. His greatness cannot be encompassed in any one thing he creates. You and I are uniquely created in God's image and likeness. What does all this mean? Each human person uniquely expresses something of God in a way that no person ever has before, that none do now, and that no person will ever do again. Each of us radiates something special of the divine nature in our person. God wants us to become "fully alive", to fully express to the rest of creation that divine gift. Over the summer, in meeting all of you, I had the blessing of seeing God's greatness shine through each of you. My prayer for you is that you continue to grow in his love that you may more boldly witness to the world through God's Kingdom dwelling within you. Please continue to pray for me, too!

Gloria Dei Homo Vivens! May God bless you all, and thanks again!

Tyler Davis

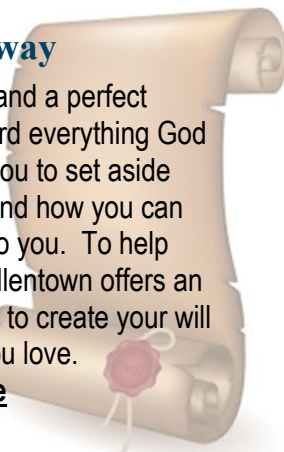


## Observances for the week of August 6, 2023

- Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord  
Monday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest  
Tuesday: St. Dominic, Priest  
Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr  
Thursday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr  
Friday: St. Clare, Virgin  
Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

## If there's a will... There's a way

August is National Make-A-Will Month and a perfect opportunity for our community to steward everything God has blessed us with. Today, we invite you to set aside time to think through your estate plan and how you can best steward what God has entrusted to you. To help you with this process, the Diocese of Allentown offers an online estate planning tool you can use to create your will for free online and safeguard all that you love. Visit [FreeWill.com/AllentownDiocese](https://FreeWill.com/AllentownDiocese) to get started on your will.



## Schedule for the Assumption Holy Day



### Monday August 14

- NO 8:30 AM MASS
- 7PM Mass Vigil of the Assumption

### Tuesday August 15

- 7AM Mass
- 6:30PM Mass (In Latin)

## 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 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)
- Mon 8/7      8:30 AM Mary Ann Freeman  
(Elaine Jenkins)
- Tues 8/8     6:30 PM Charles Rivera (Cindy Saab)
- Wed 8/9     8:30 AM Bill Jenkins (Elaine Jenkins)
- Thu 8/10    8:30 AM Barbara Caserta  
(William Caserta)
- Fri 8/11     No Mass
- Sat 8/12     4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 8/13     8:30 AM Phil Ditalia (Joe Ditalia)  
10:30 AM Tommy Pignataro  
(Lisa & Tom Pignataro)

## 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

7/23	Sunday Collection	\$3,459.00
	Central/Eastern Europe	\$55.00
	Donations	\$258.00
	School	\$30.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$30.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,832.00</b>

# Thank You

<i>Lector Ministry Schedule</i>		
	<b>August 12-13</b>	<b>August 19-20</b>
<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	Bill Caserta	Kate Holland
<b>Sun 8:30 AM</b>	Brian Keefe	Tony Fixl
<b>Sun 10:30 AM</b>	John McRoberts	Brianna Pereira

### 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 August 6 to 12

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of*  
**St. Nicholas Memorial Society**  
*Wednesday Adorers*

*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!



## BVMSN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Serving the parishioners and families of Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas churches. Why join this credit union? We are a simple savings and loan established in 1960. We offer lower interest rate loans and financial counseling if you want to help clean up your credit. Your money is insured up to \$250,000.00. We are here for you. For more information call us at 484-272-2858 or stop by the St. Nicholas Rectory on **Monday's from 7-9pm**.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

**Alcoholics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Membership is open to anyone who has the desire to do stop drinking.

AA Group meets 6:30 PM Sunday in the social hall.

## 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

## 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.



## LAST CALL FOR VIRUAL BABY SHOWER !!!

Please return any donations for the Catholic Charities Virtual Baby Shower to the Church this weekend.

Thank you for all your support for the new mothers and their babies.

AUGUST		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Fri. 8/11	9:30am	Mike & Donna Unger, Giovanna Noto
Thurs. 8/17	9:30am	Bill Caserta, Carl Litwin, Tim Gregory
Fri. 8/25	9:30am	Tony Scarselletti, Carl Niedzwiecki
Thurs. 8/31	9:30am	Diane Turner, Terry Rice, Lisa Pignataro



## 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

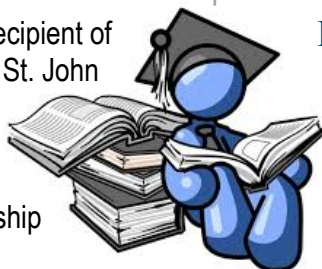
**A new Bible Study, Understanding The Book of Revelation, will begin on Thursday September 07, 2023 at 6:30PM.**

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).

## Congratulations Father McElduff Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to Anna Truscott who is the recipient of the Father McElduff scholarship. Anna was a St. John Neumann Regional School student. She will be attending Bethlehem Catholic High School in September 2023. Thank you to all of our parishioners who have supported this scholarship with their financial contributions.



## 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 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).

## Boy Scouts

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

