



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading — My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, (Rom 9:1-3)

Gospel — Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. (Mt 14:28-29)

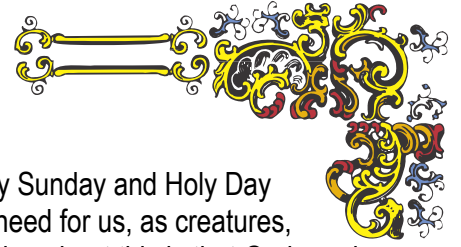
Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Monday: 7 PM
Tuesday: 7 AM & 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)
Wednesday, & Thursday: 8:30 AM

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,

We know that as Catholics we are obligated to attend the Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. It is helpful for us to understand that this obligation comes from the need for us, as creatures, to give to God, the creator, what we, in justice owe to Him. The most interesting thing about this is that God needs nothing from us. So why are we obliged to give Him what He does not need? We must not forget that the nature of God is pure love. This love that is God is always giving. When we give to Him what is His due, it is actually fulfilling a need in us. It is so important a need, that it is an obligation of the gravest seriousness. When we do not fulfill this obligation, it harms us, not just a little, but in a serious way. It is a mortal wound upon the soul. And when we fulfill this obligation we are strengthened, we become more and more fully alive. What exactly is the nature of this obligation to God? It is fourfold, we owe Him adoration, thanksgiving, satisfaction (or atonement) and petition. Over the next few weeks we will take a closer look at each of these and how each of them is fulfilled perfectly in the Holy Mass. This happens not because of an act of man, but of God. The Mass is His gift to us. In it He gives us the perfect way to fulfill our obligation to Him and in so doing to build up our own life, or rather, to allow the Divine Life for which we have been created to be built up in us. Stay tuned for more!!

August 15 is the Holy Day of Mary's Assumption and August 22 is the feast of Mary's queenship. These days just offer an opportunity to pray a beautiful Novena to Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Heaven. A prayer is printed below for you to use each day beginning tomorrow.

Novena to Our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Heaven

I greet you, ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of God, refuge of sinners, and Queen of the Universe.

Most loving Mother, attracted by your beauty, sweetness, and tender compassion, I confidently turn to you, and beg of you to obtain for me of your dear Son the favor I request in this novena: (mention your request).

Obtain for me also, Queen of Heaven and Earth, the most lively contrition for my many sins and the grace to imitate closely those virtues which you practiced so faithfully, especially humility, purity, and obedience. Above all, I beg you to be my mother and protectress, to receive me into the number of your devoted children, and to guide me from your high throne of glory. Do not reject my petitions, Mother of Mercy! Have pity on me, and do not abandon me during life or at the moment of my death.

Accept this offering, sweet Queen of Heaven and Earth, and obtain for me from your dear Son, Jesus Christ, the favors I ask through your intercession in this novena. Obtain for me also a generous, constant love of God, perfect submission to His Holy Will, the true spirit of a Christian, and the grace of final perseverance.

Amen.

Peace- Father Adam



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 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)



Mass Intentions:

- Sat 8/12 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 8/13 8:30 AM Phil Ditalia (Joe Ditalia)
10:30 AM Marianne Bianckini (Theresa Taddeo)
- Mon 8/14 7:00 PM Frank Bayer (Margaret Bayer)
- Tues 8/15 6:30 PM Jon Guffy (Ellen Knoblach)
- Wed 8/16 8:30 AM Rosemarie Huertas (Mary Woytko)
- Thu 8/17 8:30 AM Eileen Reeves (Friend)
- Fri 8/18 No Mass
- Sat 8/19 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 8/20 8:30 AM Joseph Taddeo
10:30 AM (Theresa Taddeo)
Jim Gabovitz
(Mary & Dave FeKula)

Special Mass and Intention August 28

On Monday August 28 our Mass will be at 7PM and you are invited to come and **pray for anyone you know who is no longer practicing the faith.** The Mass will be offered for the people you want to pray for and we will also offer prayers for these intentions to St. Monica at the conclusion of the Mass this day. Together we will join our hearts and voices in prayer for the return to faith of those souls we know and love who need our prayers so very much.

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.

Lector Ministry Schedule

	August 19-20	August 26-27
Sat 4:30 PM	Kate Holland	Paul Sparling
Sun 8:30 AM	Tony Fixl	Jeanette Noakes
Sun 10:30 AM	Brianna Pereira	Sue Hankee

Blessed Mother Flowers

August 13 through 19

Tommy Pignataro (*Lisa and Tom Pignataro*)



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 13 to 19

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 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**.

PAINT & SIP



Wednesday, Sept 27, 2023, from 6-8 pm at Bossard's Corner, 234 Delaware Ave, Palmerton, PA. Cost \$40.00. The event is limited to the first 25 people. Cash/check in advance. Sign-up sheets will be in Church Portico. This event is open to Church members and families. Contact: Deb Fritz c: 610-463-6093/ e: debfriz777@gmail.com

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 or 610-393-4671

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.



AUGUST		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
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

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. 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).

Counting Our Blessings-Thank You

7/30	Sunday Collection	\$3,377.00
	Assumption	\$101.00
	Donations	\$214.00
	School	\$41.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$335.00
	Total	\$4,068.00

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

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 'events' or email: 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.

