



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer (Is 56:6-7)

Psalms — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading — For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel — Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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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

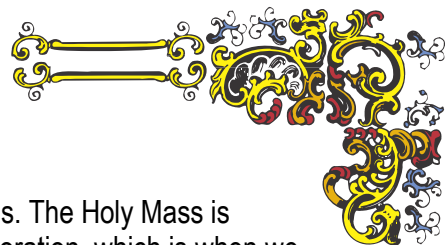
Confessions:

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,

Today is the second part of our consideration of the Four Ends of the Mass. The Holy Mass is adoration! We may be familiar with thinking of adoration in terms of Eucharistic Adoration, which is when we have that special time of prayer during which The Sacred Host, the Body of Our Lord, is placed in the monstrance for us to see, worship and pray before Him. And this is certainly one way in which we can adore God. Yet we must remember that all Eucharistic Adoration begins in the Holy Mass, often quite literally the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the monstrance at the end of the Holy Mass. Even if the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the monstrance at a time other than immediately at the conclusion of the Holy Mass, the Holy Eucharist is conformed, literally made, at the Holy Mass. So every time of Eucharistic Adoration comes from the Mass and it leads us back to the Mass, prepares us for the Mass, and increases our desire to participate in the Holy Mass. The Holy Mass itself is the greatest means of adoring God because it is Our Lord's own perfect act of praise of His Father. The Mass is the Lord's greatest gift to us, through which He provides the means for us to adore, that is, to praise, worship and glorify God. In the Holy Mass we are literally able to join the angels and saints in heaven in their worship and praise around the throne of the Lamb, made present during the consecration, on the Altar. Consider the elements of praise and worship used at the Holy Mass, such as the incense, the bells, the lighting of candles and the chanting of the Gloria and Sanctus, which are the hymns of the angels. The reading of God's Word is done with the primary purpose of giving glory and praise to God. What's more, the Lord's sacrifice of His Body and Blood, done out of obedience to the Divine Will, an obedience that is perfect because it's sole motivation is love, while an act of reparation, is at the same time the greatest means of giving glory to the Father. It is the truest and greatest sacrifice of praise. We may go so far as to say that adoration is the greatest end of the Mass, for adoration is what we shall do in heaven for all eternity. So, when we participate in the Holy Mass, we ought to call to mind all the moments and all the ways by which we are there to first and foremost adore God Himself.

Peace- Father Adam

Counting Our Blessings-Thank You

8/6	Sunday Collection	\$3,165.00
	School	\$190.00
	Donations	\$403.00
	School	\$41.00
	Other	\$36.00
	<u>Preservation & Restoration</u>	<u>\$589.00</u>
	Total	\$4,383.00
	July eGiving	\$2,930.00

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.

Observances for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Tuesday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Friday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest



For God and Country Concert

Join in a medley of patriotic music and songs by the choirs of the Cathedral Parish. Scripture, patriotic readings and reflection. First responders are welcome and invited to wear their uniforms. A free will offering will be taken. Sunday, September 10, 2 PM Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on 18th & Turner Streets, Allentown.



Mass Intentions:

- 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)
- Mon 8/21 8:30 AM Special Intention (Cindy Saab)
- Tues 8/22 6:30 PM Michael Saab (Birthday)
(Cindy Saab)
- Wed 8/23 8:30 AM Dominic and Amy Lombardo
and Family (health)
(Cindy Saab)
- Thu 8/24 8:30 AM James Lorah (Jeanette Noakes)
- Fri 8/25 No Mass
- Sat 8/26 4:30 PM John Gallagher
(Lorraine Gallagher and Family)
- Sun 8/27 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Stephen Kuronya
(Charlene Kuronya)

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

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 20 to 26

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

Simply Prayer

Simply Prayer resumes Tuesday, September 5, 2023. A morning retreat held at St. Francis Center for Renewal, it provides time for spiritual refreshing.

Call Peg at: 610-826-8009 for details and transportation.

JOIN US FOR SPAGHETTI DINNER Nite!

FRIDAY SEPT 15, 2023

4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

St Nicholas Church – Social Hall

Eat In or Take Out *Walk-Ins Welcome* Limited Seating

Menu: Pasta + Homemade Meatballs Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert + Drink

Cost: \$14.00 Adult
\$8.00 Children 10 & under

There will be a signup sheet in the Portico for Church parishioners. We will collect your payment on the day of dinner. This will allow us to plan for expected attendance.

You can also reserve your dinner and prepay online at: www.stnicholaswalnutport.org (under Events)

Questions? E: kitchen@stnicholaswalnutport.org





We're bringing back an Ole Fashioned St. Nicholas Church Picnic!

Sunday, August 27, 2023

12 pm — 6 pm

Walnutport Canal Pavilion

Bob Watkins will be selling advance food tickets after Masses the weekend of August 19, 20, 26 and at early mass only on August 27. On those dates, we are also taking sign-ups for food donations, cornhole (bean bag), children's games, and face painting.

The ticket cost is \$.50 each - cash or check, no credit cards. Food tickets will also be available at the picnic. Join us for food, fun, and socializing!

Contact Bob Watkins cell: 484-515-5242 or e: 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).



AUGUST		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Fri. 8/25	9:30am	Tony Scarselletti, Carl Niedzwiecki
Thurs. 8/31	9:30am	Diane Turner, Terry Rice, Lisa Pignataro

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

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

