



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading — For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel — "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 16:18-19)

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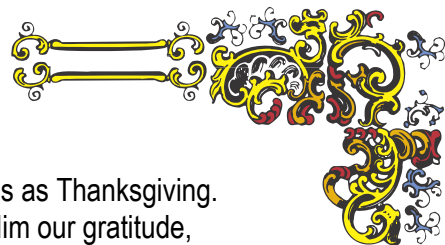
Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Monday: 7:00 PM
Tuesday: 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)

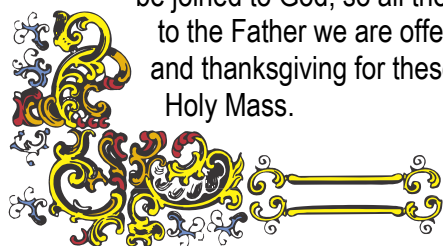
A Message from our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

We continue our current series of reflections, this week looking at the Mass as Thanksgiving. It should not be hard to see that if we owe God our adoration, we must also owe Him our gratitude, our thanksgiving, for He not only created us and all that is, but also keeps us and all things existing. This existence would be of little value had He not also redeemed us and therefore gives us a life that will not end and the means for that life to be one of perfect joy and fulfillment. How could we ever thank Him enough, or show enough gratitude to Him. Once again, God Himself provides us the way. In the prayers of the The Holy Mass we give thanks to God in word and also in action, for the Holy Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Our Catechism teaches us that: The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all "thanksgiving." (CCC 1360)

How are we thanking God in the celebration of the Holy Mass? By offering to Him the perfect sacrifice of His Son, of His Body and Blood, which is made present again, truly present, under the forms of bread and wine. In the Holy Eucharist is summed up every good thing God has done for us, for all of His works are contained in the presence of His Son made flesh, of the Divine Word Incarnate. The Son is the Word by whom all things are created, so all of the gifts of creation are summed up in Him. He is the Word made flesh - come to be our redeemer, so the gift of redemption is found in Him. He is the way that leads to the Father, and He is the One into whose Body we are incorporated so as to be joined to God, so all the gifts of sanctification are also represented in Him. In offering the Holy Eucharist to the Father we are offering the gift of creation, redemption and sanctification as an act of perfect praise and thanksgiving for these gifts. There is no greater way to thanks God than by participating in the Holy Mass.



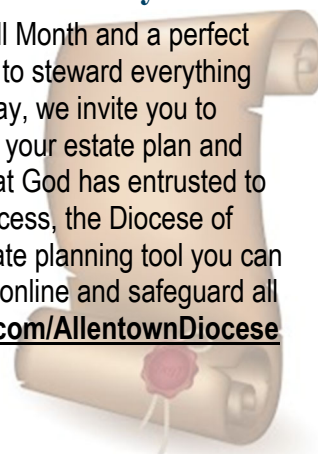
Peace- Father Adam

Special Mass and Intention this Monday, 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.

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.



Counting Our Blessings-Thank You

8/13	Sunday Collection	\$2,893.00
	School	\$167.00
	Donations	\$428.00
	Redners	\$142.17
	Preservation & Restoration	\$520.00
	Total	\$4,150.17

Observances for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions:

Sat 8/26	4:30 PM	John Gallagher (Lorraine Gallagher and Family)
Sun 8/27	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	People of the Parish Stephen Kuronya (Charlene Kuronya)
Mon 8/28	7:00 PM	Carrie Adelman (Health) (Cindy Saab)
Tues 8/29	6:30 PM	Brian and Adrian Adelman (Health) (Cindy Saab)
Wed 8/30	8:30 AM	Mary Adams (Friend)
Thu 8/31	8:30 AM	Lorraine Oriente (Marianne Mann)
Fri 9/1	No Mass	
Sat 9/2	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Sun 9/3	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Steffie Mordawski (Daughter, Lorraine) Bernie Epser (Mary & Dave FeKula)

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.

St. Joseph Flowers

August 20 through 26

Altmiller Family (Kevin and Mary Altmiller)

Blessed Mother Flowers

August 20 through 26

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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 27 to September 2

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.

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

Boy Scouts

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

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





THIS WEEKEND - See you there!

Ole Fashioned Church Picnic is Sunday, Aug 27, 2023, from 12 PM-6 PM at Walnutport Canal Pavilion. Bob Watkins will be selling advance food tickets after Masses the weekend of August 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).

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.



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.

AUGUST		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 8/31	9:30am	Diane Turner, Terry Rice, Lisa Pignataro