



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

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# TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

**Psalms** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

**Second Reading** — I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

**Gospel** — “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Mt 16:24-25)

## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

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

We continue our reflections this week, considering the Mass as a prayer of petition. It is right and fitting that we ask God for all that we need. It is His nature as the God Who is life itself, that all things good come from Him and it is His nature as the God Who is love itself, to give. As we are made in His image, we can understand how, when we love someone, we are happy when they come and ask our help. God desires us to seek Him and to seek all that we need from Him, and He desires to give us what is good. It is right and good for us to recognize our need to turn to Him, to depend upon Him for all things. In our private prayers we certainly can and should ask God for all that we need each day and we should ask good things of God for others each day too. While all genuine prayer is good, The Holy Mass is the most perfect prayer of petition. If we look at the individual prayers of the Mass, we see that from beginning to end the priest is asking God to grant many gifts for His people, the living and the dead, both individually and for the Church as a whole. These gifts include health and well being, protection from all evil, unity in the Church, mercy and forgiveness of sins, peace, holiness and most especially eternal life. The faithful, in prayerfully participating in the Holy Mass, ought to join their hearts to the words being spoken by the priest on their behalf. The center point of the Holy Mass is the sacred consecration of the bread and wine into the true Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus. This central moment is bracketed by the petitions of the Eucharistic Prayer. Our utter dependence upon God is made perfectly clear in this our most solemn and holy prayer. The Holy Mass ultimately leads us to the moment of Holy Communion. In this most intimate moment of union with Our Lord, we may speak to Him, asking Him for all we need. The Holy Mass also joins us to the universal Church in seeking God's gifts, this includes being joined to the prayers of the saints in heaven, who make up the "Church Triumphant". As if all this were not enough, there is still a greater way that the Mass is the perfect prayer of petition. As the ordained priest offers the prayers of the Mass, he does so as one sharing the priesthood of Our Lord. The ordained priest, at the Holy Mass, is acting not on his own, but "in persona Christi", in the person of Christ, so that it is Our Lord, our High Priest, who is acting through the ordained priest. The prayers and petitions of the Mass are linked to the eternal prayer of Christ, our High Priest, who forever makes intercession with His Father on our behalf. In this is found the true perfection and efficacy of the Holy Mass as a prayer of petition. How powerful a prayer it is, how magnificent a gift to us!

Peace- Father Adam



Sight and Sound presents "Miracle of Christmas"  
Lancaster, PA—Friday, December 15—3:00 pm Show

## TICKETS

- ◆ **Show and Bus** (Bus is Handicap accessible)  
\$125 per adult; \$85 per child (3-12)
- ◆ **Just Show** (Self transportation)  
\$80 per adult ; \$40 ages 3-12

Watch for more details coming soon to our website and in the bulletin.

## Observances for the week of September 3, 2023

- Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

*Wishing You a Peaceful and Relaxing*  
**LABOR DAY**  
*Weekend*





# Mass Intentions:

Sat 9/2	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Sun 9/3	8:30 AM	Steffie Mordawski (Daughter, Lorraine)
	10:30 AM	Bernie Epser (Mary & Dave FeKula)
Mon 9/4	8:30 AM	Cecil Kempster (Family)
Tues 9/5	6:30 PM	St. Nicholas Society
Wed 9/6	8:30 AM	John Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
Thu 9/7	8:30 AM	Michael Babich (Elaine Jenkins)
Fri 9/8	No Mass	
Sat 9/9	4:30 PM	Brian Sauerzoph (Richard & Nancy Sauerzoph)
Sun 9/10	8:30 AM	Dorothy Ressler (JoAnn & Frank Ressler)
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish

## 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

8/20	Sunday Collection	\$3,545.00
	Assumption	\$696.00
	School	\$7.00
	Donations	\$332.50
	Mother Theresa	\$36.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,617.00</b>

### Lector Ministry Schedule

	September 9-10	September 16-17
<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	Steve Bertalan	Michael Semler
<b>Sun 8:30 AM</b>	Tony Fixl	Jeanette Noakes
<b>Sun 10:30 AM</b>	Brianna Pereira	John McRoberts

## St. Joseph Flowers

September 3 through 9

*Woody Mack (Katherine Mack)*



### 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 September 3 to 9

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of Joe Dormans and Felicia Dormans (Christina Dormans)*

*Christine Paar (Parents)*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of Woody Mack (Katherine Mack)*



## 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](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**.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org) (under Events)

**Questions?** E: [kitchen@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:kitchen@stnicholaswalnutport.org)



## 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).

## Looking for Help Keeping Our Lord's House Clean



Do you have two hours a month to help clean the Lord's House? If you do please contact Lisa Pignataro @ [lisa541@verizon.net](mailto:lisa541@verizon.net), or 610-737-4716.

SEPTEMBER		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 9/7	5:30pm	Meg Schell, Kate Holland
Thurs. 9/14	9:30am	Bill Caserta, Tim Gregory, Carl Litwin
Fri. 9/22	5:30pm	Mike & Donna Unger, Giovanna Noto
Thurs. 9/28	9:30am	Maribeth Ward, Diane Turner, Lisa Pignataro

## 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](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. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at 10:30 in the social hall.

You can contact Pat Hunsicker at (610) 824-4017 or you can text or call cell phone (484) 464-7265. We don't want to miss anyone so please help if you can. Thank you.

## Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5