



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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September 10, 2023

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. (Ez 33:8)

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading — Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)

Gospel — "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Mt 18:15)

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)

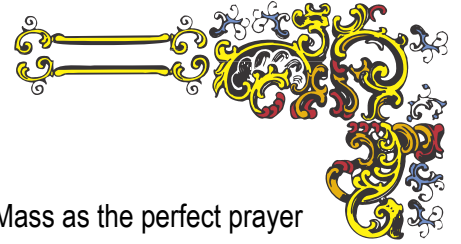
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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 on the Holy Mass, this week considering the Mass as the perfect prayer of thanksgiving.

The very word Eucharist comes from the Greek word meaning “to give thanks”, and so it is no surprise that thanksgiving is one of the four ends of the Mass. All that we are and have comes from God’s generous hand. Every good, every blessing finds its source in God alone, and our very existence is dependent on His will. In response to God’s endless generosity, which we often don’t even notice, thanksgiving is the only acceptable response. And guess what? True gratitude is one of the most joyful feelings we can have. “I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought,” said G.K. Chesterton, “and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.” That is exactly what Holy Mass should be—an experience of happiness doubled by wonder.

At certain points during the Mass, such as during the Preface, we explicitly give thanks to Father, through Christ, for creation and also for our redemption. Again during the Offertory “we give thanks to the Creator for bread and wine, fruit of the ‘work of human hands,’ but above all as ‘fruit of the earth’ and ‘of the vine’ — gifts of the Creator” (CCC 1333). The prayers of the Mass constantly thank God for His mercy and for the gifts of grace won for us by the Son of God on the Cross. During the Mass we thank God for making us co-heirs with Christ His Son of an eternal inheritance, that is, the gift of salvation and the prospect of joining the angels in heaven and forever singing the praises of God most holy.

Nobody is better able to thank the Father for all His gifts than Our Lord Himself. We come back to this once again, that the Holy Mass is primarily the action of Our Lord, our High Priest, and we are joined to Him, our thanksgiving joined to His, taking what we offer and perfecting it in Himself. It is therefore through our participation in the Holy Mass that we can offer thanks to God that is “right and just”, that is, fit to be offered to God Who is Himself the perfection of goodness, beauty and truth and to whose greatness our thanks can add nothing. We offer this to Him, as with our praise, worship, adoration and petition, not because He needs to hear it but because we need to say it. Even a parent who truly loves his or her child, does not need to hear “thanks”, but it is good and necessary for the child to say it, and in offering it forms his or her own character for the better. So that we may have the means to offer Him thanks in a manner befitting His incomparable majesty, he gives us the Holy Mass, an experience of immense happiness doubled by wonder!



Peace- Father Adam

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.

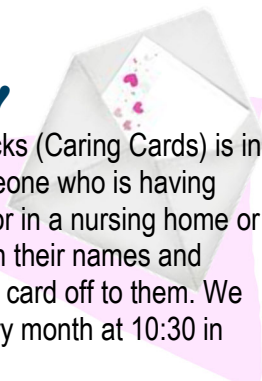
Sunday, September 10, 2 PM Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on 18th & Turner Streets, Allentown.



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.





Mass Intentions:

- 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
- Mon 9/11 8:30 AM Lorraine Oriente (Emile Valent)
- Tues 9/12 6:30 PM Kim Karaman (Ellen Knoblach)
- Wed 9/13 8:30 AM Marianne Bianckini
(Theresa Taddeo)
- Thu 9/14 8:30 AM Frank Bayer (Margaret Bayer)
- Fri 9/15 No Mass
- Sat 9/16 4:30 PM Kelly Andrews
(Karen Krause and Family)
- Sun 9/17 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Ethel Lakovits (Daughters,
Charlene and Nancy)

Lector Ministry Schedule		
	September 16-17	September 23-24
Sat 4:30 PM	Michael Semler	Kate Holland
Sun 8:30 AM	Jeanette Noakes	Tony Fixl
Sun 10:30 AM	John McRoberts	Carl Niedzwiecki

Blessed Mother Flowers September 10 through 16

Tommy Pignataro (Tom and Lisa 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-Thank You

8/27	Sunday Collection	\$3,588.00
	School	\$26.00
	Donations	\$157.00
	Other	\$55.00
	Restoration & Preservation	\$146.00
	Candles/Flowers	\$130.00
	Bread/Wine	\$60.00
	Total	\$4,162.00

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 10 to 16

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

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of Frank Bayer (Peg Bayer)

St. Nicholas Page Turners

Are you a passionate reader on the lookout for captivating stories, thought-provoking discussions, and a community of fellow book lovers? Look no further? Join the



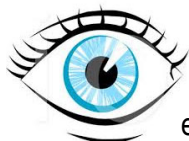
St. Nicholas Page Turners, where the world of literature comes alive. The first book will be *Dracula*, a novel by Bram Stoker. All ages are invited to meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:15 to 8:30 pm in the social hall. All are asked to obtain the book from either the library, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Kindle and read Chapters 1-6.

Facilitators: Father Adam and Cindy Miller.

Register at community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

Introducing the Forty-Forty Challenge for Fun and Fitness

Are you ready to unlock a new level of personal growth, resilience and achievement? This happens by completing a 1-mile walk or run each day focusing on the Lord by yourself or with others and completing scripture readings. Commit 40 days to a transformative journey designed to empower you, take control of your life, and embrace positive change. **Starting September 25 until November 3rd**. All ages are invited to the organizational meeting on Monday September 25 at 6pm at Delps Park located on Delps Rd. in Danielsville, Lehigh Township. Register at community@stnicholaswalnutport.org



Free Eye Exams

Lehigh Township Lions offer free eye exams for Lehigh Township residents who are not covered by eye care insurance.

The eye exam will be performed by Walnutport Family Eye Care. **Ends Dec. 31, 2023.**

To take advantage of this important and FREE opportunity, please contact Wayne A. Benninger, Community Action Chairman for the Lehigh Township Lions Club. At 610-349-3596. This offer is limited to the first 200 qualified respondents.

As part of a public service project, the eye exams will be paid for by the Lehigh Township Lions Club—serving Lehigh Township since 1951.

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



Thank You!

We had a beautiful day for the Parish picnic! A special thank you to Bob and Linda Watkins for organizing the event. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their time and

talent, the Parishioners who baked and cooked the delicious food, the Parishioners who attended the event, and the generous contributions from our donors. It took many hands to pull off such a successful and enjoyable event. We are truly blessed for our wonderful Parish.

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



Community Breakfast

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bath, Pa. and Knights of Columbus 14464 will be sponsoring a Community Breakfast on Sunday, September 17, 2023 from 7:00 to 11:00 am. All of your favorites will be offered along with the monthly special of Breakfast Pizza.

Adults \$11.00; Children \$5.00; under 6 free

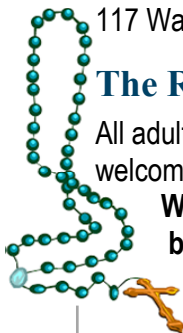
Sacred Heart Church Auditorium
117 Washington St. Bath, Pa.



The Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish

All adult parishioners (*both women and men*) are welcomed to join our next meeting which will be held on

Wednesday September 06, 2023 at 6:30PM
beginning with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Bible Study Thursdays

The Book of Revelation is full of images, numbers, colors, and creatures!

Please join us because, *once you understand their rich symbolism, you will find the Revelation (Apocalypse, “pull back the veil”)* to be very relevant to your daily life. Everyone is welcome! Sessions are held every other Thursday at 6:30PM (9/21, 10/05, 10/19, 11/09, 11/16, 11/30, 12/14, 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, or 610-737-4716.

SEPTEMBER		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
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

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church Spectacular 14th Annual Basket Social!

Columbus Day weekend, October 6-7-8

Parish Social Hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall Rt. 22 and Fullerton Avenue

Friday, October 6 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 Saturday, October 7 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
 Sunday, October 8 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM



All baskets & prizes are valued at or over \$35.00!

This includes area business donations of show, game tickets & certificates to area restaurants and stores.

A “Big Ticket” raffle is available for prizes worth over \$75.00!

Drawing starts on Sunday at 2:30 PM. Winners will be called either Sunday or Monday morning.

Delicious food items can be pre-ordered and will be available for purchase all weekend.

See parish website at: www.sercc.org (church)

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



Order Now!
 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#

For Questions Contact: Donna DeCesaris

Call/Text 610-533-4739 after 4 pm

email community@stnicholaswalnutport.org

DETAILS AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

www.stnicholaswalnutport.org click 'Events'



In Honor and Remembrance

September 11, 2001