



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

Second Reading — None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:7-8)

Gospel — "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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)

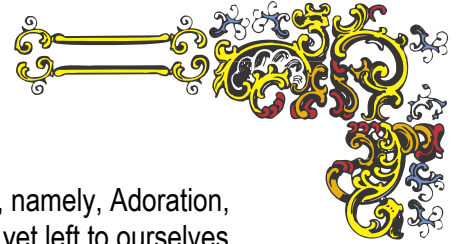
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

The past four weeks we have reflected on the four ends of the Holy Mass, namely, Adoration, Petition, Thanksgiving and Reparation. In justice we owe these things to God and yet left to ourselves we could never find a fitting way to offer these to Him. So in His graciousness He gives us the means through the Holy Mass. If you missed these reflections, you can find them on our parish website as our previous bulletins are posted there. Having reflected on these, the next step is to put them into practice by consciously being aware of the moments in the Mass where these acts of prayer are fulfilled and in each of these moments to give our hearts more fully to God in Adoring Him, Thanking Him, asking Him and offering ourselves in union with Christ's sacrifice as reparation for sin. Being aware of these can lead us into deeper moments of prayer at Mass and a more active and full participation in this greatest and most awesome mystery.

You may have seen we are starting a book reading club and our first venture will be the classic novel Dracula. Why this book? If you have never read it, I think you will be amazed at the themes in it and just how Catholic it is. It is nothing like the movies, none of which I know of that have ever really done justice to the novel itself. So, if you are interested but have not yet begun reading, you can still join us, it is not too late!

Peace- Father Adam



Pro-life Baby Bottle Collection

Please save your loose change for the coming **Pro-life Baby Bottle Collection**. The Knights of Columbus will be distributing baby bottles the last weeks of September. You can put your loose change, dollar bills, or checks into the bottles which will be picked up the last 2 weeks of October and distributed to Care Net of Leighton and Cay Galgon Life Center in Bethlehem.



Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

- Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Tuesday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

NORTH OF 50 Coffee & Cake Gathering



St Nicholas "North of 50" group will be hosting COFFEE & CAKE on September 26, 2023 @ 2PM at 4061 Heather Court, Northampton. Feel free to bring a baked item!

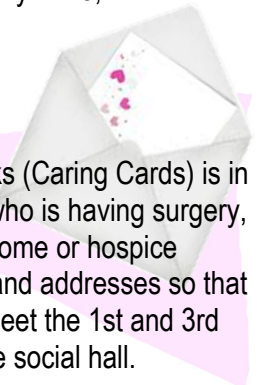
Please sign up if you will be able to join the fun. Sign-up sheets are in the church hall.

Contact: Ann Orsulak 610 392 1092
Lisa Pignataro 610 737 4716

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 9/16 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)
- Mon 9/18 8:30 AM Robert Burits (Monica Klotz)
- Tues 9/19 6:30 PM Fr. Adam Sedar and Dcn. Mike
(Friend)
- Wed 9/20 8:30 AM Kathy Himes (Friend)
- Thu 9/21 8:30 AM Dorothy Ressler (Monica Klotz)
- Fri 9/22 No Mass
- Sat 9/23 4:30 PM Teague Sauerzoph
(Richard & Nancy Sauerzoph)
- Sun 9/24 8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Fred Kochmaruk Jr.
(Joanne Kochmaruk)

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

9/3	Sunday Collection	\$3,194.00
	School	\$242.00
	Donations	\$668.00
	Latin America	\$230.00
	Restoration & Preservation	\$898.00
	Total	\$5,232.00
	August eGiving	\$1,384.00

Thank You

Lector Ministry Schedule

	September 23-24	Sept. 30-Nov. 1
Sat 4:30 PM	Kate Holland	Paul Sparling
Sun 8:30 AM	Tony Fixl	Barbara Schmidt
Sun 10:30 AM	Carl Niedzwiecki	John McRoberts

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 17 to 23

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

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of Charles and Constance Unger (Michael and Donna Unger)

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



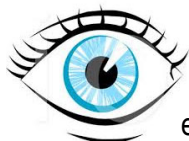
St. Nicholas Page Turners, where the world of literature comes alive. The first book will be *Dracula*, a novel by Bram Stoker. All ages are invited to meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:15 to 8:30 pm in the social hall. All are asked to obtain the book from either the library, Amazon, Barnes and Noble,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



St. Nicholas Basket Palooza

Fall is in the air, which means we are getting closer to our annual Basket Palooza (formerly Basket Social)! This year's event will be held on **Sunday, November 5th**, 9 am – 2 pm, with a special preview on November 4th, 5-6 pm. Please consider helping to make this event the best one yet. New items for baskets, gift cards, and monetary donations will help in assembling a variety of themed baskets. The kitchen and bake sale will be open with delicious food and sweet treats. More information and sign-up sheets for volunteers will be out shortly. Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to this major fundraising event in any way; we couldn't do it without you!



The Fundraising Committee is in special need of medium and large baskets. They can be left in the social hall.



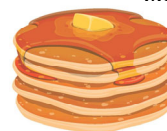
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All You Can Eat Breakfast

■ \$10 Age 11 and up ■ \$6 Age 6-10 ■

■ Under 6 Free ■

Pancakes
Sausage
Home Fries
Coffee/Tea/Juice



Made to order Omelets
Creamed Chip Beef
Ham
Toast

Sunday September 24, 2023
8am - 12:30pm

In the St. Nicholas Social Hall

A portion of the proceeds will benefit:
St. Nicholas Building Fund & Habitat for Humanity
WAWA Shortie Hoagie Coupons will be for sale for \$5.00 each.

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
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 Your Tickets 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'