



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Administrative Assistant: Deacon Mike Kudla



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalms — Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading — Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. (Phil 2:5)

Gospel — Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21:31)

Parish Office and Religious Education:

610-767-3107
E-mail: stnick11@ptd.net

Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

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

610-826-2354

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:

484-272-2858

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Pamela Russo, MSW, MA
Secretary for Youth Protection
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC
Direct Telephone 800-791-9209

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,

As our Jewish brethren have just celebrated Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish holy days, we consider an element of the Holy Mass that has its origins in this Jewish ritual. On Yom Kippur the Jewish High Priest would symbolically place the sins of the people on a "scapegoat" (a term coined in the middle ages that originates with this goat of burden). This scapegoat was then led into the desert and expelled, carrying the sins of the people, presumably it was sent away to die in the desert. A second goat was then sacrificed and its blood sprinkled in the Holy of Holies in the Temple. As Our Lord is the fulfillment of Old Covenant, what was done on Yom Kippur symbolically is accomplished in reality by Christ Himself, a reality made present in the Holy Mass. Our Lord Jesus is the true "scapegoat" who has taken our sins upon Himself. Recall during His passion the real guilty one, Barabbas, is set free, while Christ, the completely innocent and pure Lamb of God, is put to death. During the Holy Mass, the priest, right before the consecration, imposes his hands over the elements of bread and wine, soon to become the Body and Blood of Christ sacrificed for our sins. This gesture has come to be associated with what is called the "epiclesis", the invocation of the Holy Spirit. The understanding of this gesture as an "epiclesis" is an influence of the Eastern Catholic Rites upon the Latin Rite. In its origin, this gesture is from Yom Kippur, and is made as a sign of our sins being placed upon the Lord. The words prayed by the priest during this gesture give good indication of this: "Therefore Lord we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of Your whole family; order our days in Your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those You have chosen."

In this prayer during which the priest imposed His hands over the elements to be consecrated, the hopes of Yom Kippur are fulfilled in Christ. He has taken our sins upon Himself and put them to death on His Holy Cross, thus gaining for us deliverance from eternal damnation and entrance in the Kingdom of His Father for all eternity. At every Mass we renew our trust that God has fulfilled His promise of deliverance and we rejoice that the sacrifice of the Lord is made present to us that we may turn to Him again and again, turning away from our sins and so enjoy the fruits of this saving grace.

Peace- Father Adam

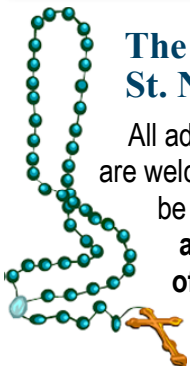
Annual Blessing of Pets

We invite you to bring your pets for our annual Pet Blessing on Sunday October 1st at 12:30 in the parking lot. Hope to see you and your special friends!



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 October 04, 2023 at 6:30PM beginning with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**



HARRISBURG RIGHT FOR LIFE MARCH BUS TRIP

Attend PA Right For Life March on Monday morning October 16th Bus Fee is \$15.00. **1st Pick up** will be St. Stephen of Hungary Parish, 510 Union Street, Allentown ARRIVE 6:45 am / **2nd Pickup** Sacred Heart School in Bethlehem located at 1814 Second Street in Bethlehem ARRIVE 7:15 am **1st Stop** St. Mary's in Hamburg, PA Mass said by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert **2nd Stop** Harrisburg capitol for speeches and march (about a mile) **RETURNING TO CHURCHES AROUND 4:00 AND 4:30** Contact Andrew for Seats (484) 259-7740 or andrewazan3rd@rcn.com

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.



Mass Intentions:

Sat 9/30	4:30 PM	Evan Hodulich (Lisa & Tom Pignataro)
Sun 10/1	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	George Woytko (Mary Woytko) People of the Parish
Mon 10/2	8:30 AM	Bob Allesch (Theresa Taddeo)
Tues 10/3	6:30 PM	St Nicholas Memorial Society
Wed 10/4	8:30 AM	Jennie Moncavage (Friend)
Thu 10/5	8:30 AM	Arlene Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
Fri 10/6	No Mass	
Sat 10/7	4:30 PM	Jean and Fred Barlow (Kate Adams)
Sun 10/8	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	People of the Parish Dorthea Binder (Kressler Family)

St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

Collections are on the third weekend of the month. If you know of a family or person that can use a hand at this time, let Deacon Mike in the parish office know.

PUBLIC ROSARY

Will be said on Saturday, October 14th at 12 Noon in the Upper Parking Lot of Assumption BVM Parish by our new Blessed Mother Statue.

All are welcome – please bring a lawn chair. If we have inclement weather, we will recite the Rosary in Church.



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.

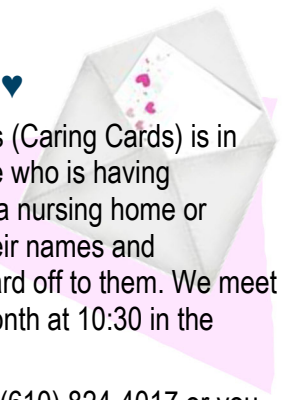
Adoration is powerful! Thank you to everyone who reaffirmed their commitment to spend at least 30 minutes with the Lord per month! Indeed, we are still seeking new (30-minute) commitments to our monthly Adoration schedule on any given Wednesday of the month (*between the hours of 09:30 to 6:30PM*) by signing the clipboards on the table in the vestibule.

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.



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 October 1 to 7

*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*

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



Please join us...

State of the FOUNDATION 2023 Meeting

October 10 at 4:30 pm
at Holy Family Senior Living,
Bethlehem

Use QR Code
to RSVP by
Oct. 5, 2023



catholicfoundationep.org

Marian Catholic High School Open House

Saturday, Oct. 14th, 1:00-3:00

Come tour the school, meet the students & staff, and learn how to make a Marian education possible! Please reach out to Mary Milosh to RSVP.
mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org or 570-467-3335 ext. 117

Observances for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi
Thursday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Friday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary



Boy Scouts

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



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.

FIRE PREVENTION FOR THE HOME PRESENTATION – SAVE A LIFE!

- HOW CAN I AVOID/PREVENT A FIRE?
- WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A FIRE IN MY HOME?
- HOW DO I HANDLE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER?
- DOES MY FIRE EXTINGUISHER EVEN WORK ANYMORE?
- DID YOU KNOW OCTOBER IS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH?



If you have ever had any of these “burning” questions (pardon the pun!), please join us for a FREE presentation and Q&A session on FIRE PREVENTION FOR THE HOME by parishioner Mike O'Brien, formerly with Kistler O'Brien Fire Protection.

DATE/TIME: Sunday, October 15, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the St. Nicholas Church Social Hall. Mr. O'Brien's presentation will address smoke detectors, evacuation plans, emergency exits, and fire extinguishers and their proper use. He will also perform a live demonstration of the proper use of a fire extinguisher and conduct free evaluations of fire extinguishers for parishioners - so bring one along! This is a free event, open to all. No pre-registration is required. For any questions, please call/leave a message at 610-704-4609.

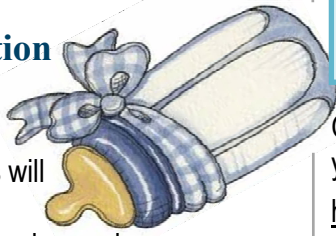
Bible Study Thursdays

Did you know? The Book of Revelation contains the only explicit blessing attached to reading a book of Scripture (Revelation 1:3). The person will be blessed who reads aloud the book of Revelation, as well as all who hear the book and who obey what is written in it. **Please join us to receive this special blessing of God!** Sessions are held every other Thursday at 6:30PM (10/05, 10/19, 11/09, 11/16, 11/30, 12/14, 01/04, 01/18, and 02/01/2024).



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 Lehighton and Cay Galgon Life Center in Bethlehem.



St. Columbkil Events

Celebrate St. Columbkil's 25th Basket Party

October 26-29th **Drawing:** Oct. 29th at 12:30 pm

Special Raffle: Two framed prints by "Painter of Light", Thomas Kinkade, and much more.

St. Columbkil Church 200 Indian Spring Rd. Boyertown, PA. For info/tickets 610-367-2371 or stcolumbkil.org

Mass for Healing

Please join us for a special evening on Sunday, October 29th here at Saint Columbkil. Praise & Worship music begins at 6:30 pm, and Mass, Benediction and healing service will begin at 7 p.m. Our celebrant will be Rev. John A. Frink. Please spread the word.

We hope you can join us for this uplifting and solemn service.

OCTOBER		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Fri. 10/6	9:30am	Diane Turner, Carl Niedzweicki, Tony Scarselletti
Thurs. 10/12	9:30am	Bill Caserta, Tim Gregory, Carl Litwin
Fri. 10/20	5:30pm	Mike & Donna Unger, Giovanna Noto
Thurs. 10/26	9:30am	Terry Rice, Maribeth Ward, 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



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'

A Sign-up sheet and double-sided flyers with registration forms on the back are on the table in the Church portico.