



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading — I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel — "Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Grades K, 1, 2 Sun 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Grades 3 - 8 Mon 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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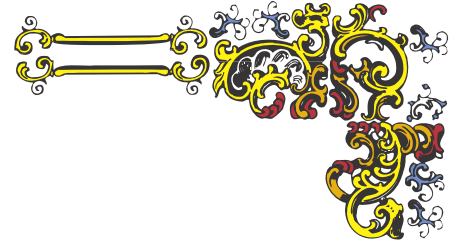
Mass Schedule:

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,

St. Hubert Part 2

As a priest, St. Hubert worked closely with Bishop Lambert. About the year 705, while Father Hubert was on a pilgrimage to Rome, Bishop Lambert was martyred near Liege, in present day Belgium. It seems he was martyred by members of a royal court who took offense at his preaching against the sins of some of the Frankish rulers. Father Hubert was made bishop to succeed him. Bishop Hubert was the 31st Bishop of Maastricht, but he soon moved the "See City" (See is another term for a diocese and is the place where the bishop has his cathedral, thus we are part of the "See of Allentown") to Liege where Bishop Lambert was martyred. He built a shrine for the body of Bishop Lambert and later a cathedral would be built and his relics enshrined there and the cathedral named under his patronage, as Lambert was canonized a saint. St. Hubert is considered the founder of both the city and the diocese of Liege. As a bishop, St. Hubert became known as a miracle worker, curing a man who had rabies and casting out demons from others who were possessed. Liege is near the Ardennes, you may know this place as it is where the Battle of the Bulge took place. The area is a vast and dense mountain woodland. At this time most of the people there were not yet converted to the Faith and were still following pagan religions that worshiped various kinds of idols. Bishop Hubert took up the great and at times dangerous task of preaching the Gospel and converting the people of this wild woodland area. He would go and stay among them would travel into the most remote parts of the forest, preaching the Gospel, celebrating the Sacraments and casting our demons. So great was his zeal he became known as the "apostle of the Ardennes". St. Hubert had a vision of his impending death and of his place in heaven. Knowing his time here was short, he hurried to dedicate a church near Brussels, in the present day city of Tervuren. After the ceremony he fell ill. He died several days later while reciting the "Lord's Prayer". The year was likely 727. His body was taken back to Liege and enshrined there. (part 3 next)

Peace- Father Adam

A Special Anniversary

Caring Hands knit/crochet group celebrates their 1st anniversary.



One Friday, September 9, 2022 something beautiful happened. The seed was planted and grew for a loving and gifted group of individuals, who gathered together using their hands and hearts to work healing prayers into their warm, soft, gifts that give comfort to those in need. I am truly blessed and grateful for each and every one of you! - Love, Krista

Amazing Statistics

79 Lap Robes ♥ 227 Baby Blankets ♥ 280 Adult/Youth Hats ♥ 37 Scarves ♥ 30+ Shawls ♥ 20+ Other Items for a total of **1,304 Items!**

If you are interested in joining 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.

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

BVMSN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Serving the parishioners and families of Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas Churches. 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. For more information, call the credit union at 484-272-2858 or stop by the St. Nicholas Rectory on Monday nights from 7pm-9pm. We are here for you.



Mass Intentions:

Sat 10/14	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Sun 10/15	8:30 AM	Robert Binder (Kressler Family)
	10:30 AM	Thomas Papay Jr. and Thomas Papay III (Joanne Kochmaruk)
Mon 10/16	8:30 AM	Joseph Bogusky (Carl & Catherine Niedzwiecki)
Tues 10/17	6:30 PM	Wanda Kennedy (Family)
Wed 10/18	8:30 AM	Charlie Wagner (Gloria Wagner)
Thu 10/19	8:30 AM	Bill Klotz (Monica Klotz)
Fri 10/20	No Mass	
Sat 10/21	4:30 PM	Joe Dormans (Tina Dormans)
Sun 10/22	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Konrad Goworowski (Elizabeth Getz)

Counting Our Blessings

10/1	Sunday Collection	\$3,724.00
	Maui	\$1,092.00
	School	\$220.00
	Donations	\$224.00
	Preservation & Renovation	\$750.00
	Other	\$46.00
	Total	\$6,056.00
	September eGiving	\$1,546.00

Thank You

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 15 to 21

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

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!

Boy Scouts

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

<i>Lector Ministry Schedule</i>		
	October 21-22	October 28-29
Sat 4:30 PM	Bill Caserta	Paul Sparling
Sun 8:30 AM	Barara Schmidt	Brian Keefe
Sun 10:30 AM	Brianna Pereira	John McRoberts



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!



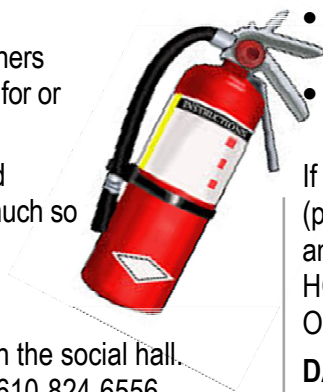
The Fundraising Committee is in special need of medium and large baskets. They can be left in the social hall.

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 (10/19, 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. 10/20	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.