



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Pastor:** Rev. Adam C. Sedar, M.A., M.Div.  
**Administrative Assistant:** Deacon Mike Kudla



## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:21

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# TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

**Psalms** — Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

**Second Reading** — We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

**Gospel** — “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” (Mt 22:21)

### Parish Office and Religious Education:

610-767-3107  
E-mail: [stnick11@ptd.net](mailto: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](mailto: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)

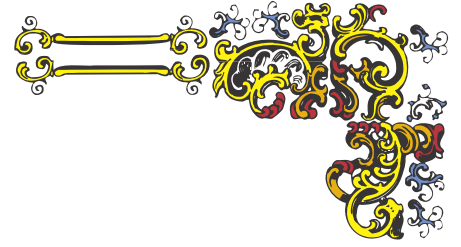
### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

## St. Hubert Part 3

St. Hubert was canonized about a hundred years after his death. It was reported that his body was found incorrupt (i.e. not decayed) during the process of his canonization. He has been widely venerated as the patron saint of hunters, archers, forest workers, those afflicted with rabies, as well as the patron of the city of Liege, the nation of Belgium and the people of the Ardennes Forest. He is one of the four special patron saints of the Rhineland, known as the Four Holy Marshals, who were invoked for protection against plague and diseases. He is also the patron of dogs, especially hunting dogs. As a nobleman he had his own prized hounds which he hunted with, and by the year 1000, the abbey of St. Hubert in Belgium began breeding and raising hunting hounds. Each year the monastery would send a pair of its prized hounds to the King of France as a gift. The modern bloodhound is thought to be a descendent of these hounds and one of the official names for the bloodhound in parts of Europe is "chien de Saint-Hubert" or St. Hubert's hounds. There are many hunting clubs, especially in Europe named for St. Hubert and his feast day, Nov 3rd, is the beginning of the hunting season in many places. We no longer celebrate his feast day on the universal church calendar, that day being given to a more modern saint, but it is still celebrated locally in places. Another curious fact is the use of the symbol for St. Hubert, a cross between the antlers of a great stag. This has become the symbol of the master hunter and is even used by the famous German liqueur Jagermeister, which means master hunter, on its label. The founder of this brew was an avid hunter and named his drink accordingly. Though St. Hubert is much remembered for being associated with hunting and though he lived so very long ago, he is still a great patron for all of us today. He had great zeal in converting people from paganism to the Faith. Today our society is falling back into paganism, marked by worship of the false gods of power and money, sexual immorality and a disregard for the sacredness of human life (over 57 million abortions in the US since 1973). These are the marks of paganism, then and now. Let's pray to St. Hubert for the conversion of our times and for the zeal to evangelize as he did.

Peace- Father Adam

## 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.

## All Souls Day Memorial Mass

We will be celebrating a mass on November 2  
**All Souls Day at 6:30 PM**  
in memory of all those who  
passed away from our parish  
in the past year.

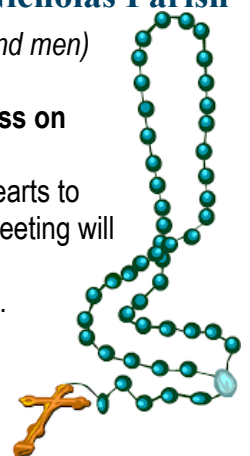


## BVMSN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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.

## The Rosary Society of St. Nicholas Parish

All adult parishioners (*both women and men*) are welcomed to join us to **pray the Holy Rosary 30 minutes before Mass on All Saints Day, Wednesday November 01, 2023** by joining our hearts to All Saints who pray for us. A brief meeting will be held after Mass in preparation for All Souls Day on November 02, 2023.





# Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 10/23	8:30 AM	Robert Burits / Vicki and Brian Beck
Tues 10/24	6:30 PM	Health & Wellness Michael Saab & family (Cindy Saab)
Wed 10/25	8:30 AM	Mary Ann Mag (Friend)
Thu 10/26	8:30 AM	Royann Houck (Parents John & Darlene Madura)
Fri 10/27	No Mass	
Sat 10/28	4:30 PM	Stasia Lukasik (Edward Lukasik)
Sun 10/29	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	John Gallagher (Sue Hankee)

## Counting Our Blessings

10/8	Sunday Collection	\$2,774.00
	School	\$131.00
	Donations	\$1,100.00
	Preservation & Renovation	\$251.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,256.00</b>

# 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 22 to 28

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of*  
**Stasia Lukasik (Family)**  
**Christine and Edward Paar**  
*(Josephine Paar)*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of*  
**Wednesday Adorers**



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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](mailto: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](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!

## 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>		
	<b>October 28-29</b>	<b>November 4-5</b>
<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	Paul Sparling	Kate Holland
<b>Sun 8:30 AM</b>	Brian Keefe	Barbara Schmidt
<b>Sun 10:30 AM</b>	John McRoberts	Sue Hankee



## 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 5<sup>th</sup>**, 9 am – 2 pm, with a special preview on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

## Discounted Ski Program

SJNRS is happy to invite our parish families to join our discounted ski program with Blue Mountain.



We offer many types of discounted season passes. This is open to all parish families and comes with great perks like a 25\$ gift card to be used anywhere on the mountain.

Sign ups must be completed online before October 31, 2023. Please email [batesjennifer70@yahoo.com](mailto:batesjennifer70@yahoo.com) if you would like the link to sign up.

## 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.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

**Alcoholics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Membership is open to anyone who has the desire to do stop drinking.

AA Group meets 6:30 PM Sunday in the social hall.

## Bible Study Thursdays

In Revelation 4:1, John is invited into God's throne room to witness the dynamic which occurs every time we celebrate the Mass. The Mass is a foretaste of the Heavenly Liturgy that is celebrated by all the holy angels and saints *from every age*. Our veneration of the saints and the Holy Day of November 1<sup>st</sup> is a sign of hope that one day we, too, will be united with them in Christ when He returns in glory to receive us unto Himself. **To learn more, please join our Bible Study three (3) times during the month of November on Thursdays at 6:30PM** (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 distributed 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](http://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
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
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



Sight and Sound presents "Miracle of Christmas" Lancaster, PA

Friday, December 15

3:00 pm Show

Deadline to sign up for tickets: Sunday, October 29

### 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](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org)

### DETAILS AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

[www.stnicholaswalnutport.org](http://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.