



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:37

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — “You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.” (Ex 22:21-23)

Psalms — I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading — For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

Gospel — “You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” (Mt 22:37)

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Monday: 8:30 AM

Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)

Wednesday: 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM (All Saints)

Thursday: 6:30 PM (All Souls)

No morning mass

Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM

Benediction: 6:30 PM

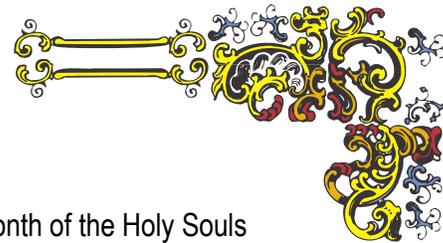
Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM

Tuesday: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM

(other times by appointment)

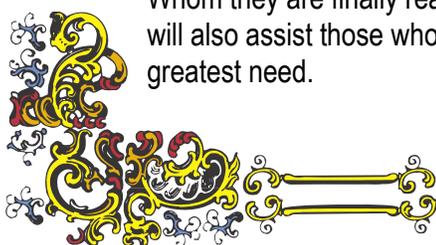
A Message from our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

As we welcome the month of November, we are reminded that it is the month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. A month to pray for them in a particular way. Throughout the month we will offer Masses for your All Souls intentions. It is a very important and holy practice to pray for eternal well being of the dead. Even though some of those whom we know and love who have passed on from this world were known to us as holy people, and we may suspect them to be heaven, we can only say with absolute certainty that those declared Blessed or Canonized as saints are in fact in heaven and so it is very good to pray for the rest as they may truly need our help to attain the vision of God in Heaven. And if those for whom we pray are in fact in Heaven, then those prayers will be applied to some other soul in need, as we can be sure that no prayer for the dead is ever wasted. This raises the question as to why there is a place called Purgatory at all. Does a God who is so merciful really send souls to such a place? In fact it is precisely because God is so merciful that Purgatory exists. If God did not allow for the further purification of our souls after death, very few of us would make it to Heaven. For one thing justice must be satisfied. While Our Lord has indeed paid the price for all sin, we must also share in the sacrifice of redemption. Our contrition and renunciation of sin must be thorough and complete. We could never live in the presence of God and have the slightest attachment to sin. Very few of us are willing to participate in the Cross here on earth to the extent that we become perfectly detached from sin. And so God has made it so that this purification can continue, for those in the state of grace, after death. If we die in the state of grace, the life of God is within us and then our will is with God, even if not perfectly in accord with His, not opposed to His, and we will have some measure of true repentance. For those who suffer much and are able to accept this as God's will and desire their suffering to be in union with the Cross of Our Lord, their purgation may be complete here on earth or, very likely, at least almost complete so their Purgatory may be very short. This is also why we should take great care to be in the state of grace, and if we are at all conscious of having committed a sin of grace matter, to get to confession as soon as possible. Can one mortal sin damn us to hell forever? Yes! It is not that God is looking for some reason to banish us from His sight, quite the opposite. He is always providing opportunities for grace and salvation. But we, if we die in a state of sin, will flee as far from His holy presence as we can, for we will not be able to bear being with Him! And so, we choose our eternal destiny based upon our state of being, either a state of grace or sin and God, who is love, will let us go where we have chosen. For those in Purgatory, they can be greatly helped by our prayers to be free of the final attachments to sin and being so freed will fly to the presence of God Whom they love and Whom they are finally ready to praise forever with all the angels and saints. As they do that, no doubt they will also assist those who were so kind as to remember them and prayed for them when they were in their greatest need.

Peace- Father Adam



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.

There will be no morning
mass on this day.



Counting Our Blessings - Thank You

10/15	Sunday Collection	\$4,031.00
	School	\$22.00
	All Saints/All Souls Day	\$42.00
	Donations	\$167.00
	Preservation & Renovation	\$156.00
	Total	\$4,418.00
	Knights of Columbus Breakfast donation	\$2,000.00



Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 10/30	8:30 AM	John & Arlene Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
Tues 10/31	6:30 PM	Marie McLaughin (Family)
Wed 11/1	7:00 AM	George Woytko & Rita Woytko (Mary Woytko)
	7:00 PM	People of the Parish
Thu 11/2	6:30 PM	The Parish All Souls Intentions
Fri 11/3	No Mass	
Sat 11/4	4:30 PM	Jim Gabovitz (Sue Hankee)
Sun 11/5	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Health & Wellness David Gothord & Family (Cindy Saab)

All Saints Holy Day Masses

Wednesday November 1: 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM
(There will be NO VIGIL MASS on Tuesday)

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.

St. Joseph Flowers

October 29 through November 4

John and Arlene Beginnes (Mary Woytko)

Blessed Mother Flowers

October 29 through November 4

George Woytko and Rita Woytko (Mary Woytko)



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 29 to November 4

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

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!

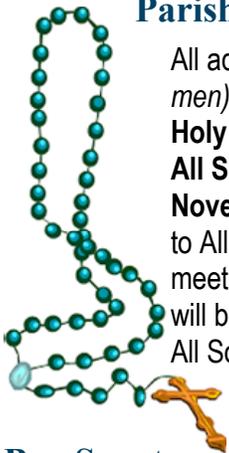


If you know of someone in the hospital or homebound Please call the parish office, 610-767-3107, so someone can visit them.

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!

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.

Boy Scouts

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

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.

Lector Ministry Schedule

	November 4-5	November 11-12
Sat 4:30 PM	Kate Holland	Bill Caserta
Sun 8:30 AM	Barbara Schmidt	Tony Fixl
Sun 10:30 AM	Sue Hankee	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.

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 if you would like the link to sign up.

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.



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 1st 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

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.



Daylight Savings Time ends November 5

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

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

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.