



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading — Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel — "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

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)

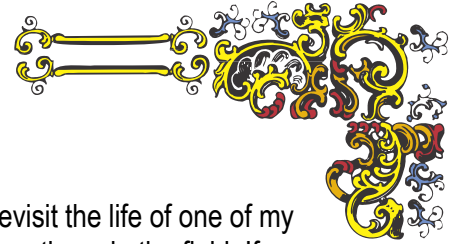
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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 Fall is upon us and so is another hunting season, I thought we would revisit the life of one of my heavenly friends, St. Hubert, the patron saint of hunters. I have known his help many times in the field. If you are a hunter, you will find help in asking his intercession. If you have family or friends who hunt, you can introduce them to St. Hubert. And if you are not a hunter, you may find that the life of this great saint is quite inspiring and his intercession, for other reasons, very much needed in our world today. St. Hubert lived in what is present day Belgium in the 7th-8th centuries, we don't know his exact dates but he was born about 656 and probably died in the year 727. As a young man he was very worldly and lived a pleasure seeking life. He was an avid hunter, and in his day in Europe hunting was reserved for the nobility, and that's what Hubert was, the eldest son of the Duke of Aquitaine and grandson of Charibert, King of Toulouse. His favorite kind of hunting was called "the chase", hunting stag, a kind of red deer. The hunter rode a horse while the stag was flushed by hounds and then the kill was made by a bow, a spear or even a long sword. One Good Friday morning, while most others were in church, Hubert was on the chase, but then as he closed in on a great stag, the animal stopped and turned. Hubert was astounded at perceiving a crucifix suspended between its antlers, while he heard a voice from the figure of Christ say, "Hubert, unless you turn to the Lord, and lead a holy life, you shall quickly fall into the abyss of Hell!" Hubert dismounted immediately from his horse, fell prostrate on the ground and asked, "Lord, what would you have me do?" He immediately received the reply, "Go and seek Lambert and he will instruct you." Lambert was his bishop, whom he sought out and who became his spiritual director. Within the next year, Hubert's wife died while giving birth to their first child, a son, and soon after he decided to give up his royal position, including his birthright and personal wealth and study for the priesthood. He put his young son in the care of his own younger brother, to whom he had passed on his royal birthright. He may have lived in a monastery for a time or even alone as a hermit in the Ardennes. Eventually he was ordained a priest and worked closely with Bishop Lambert. (Part 2 next week)

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

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 10/7	4:30 PM	Jean and Fred Barlow (Kate Adams)
Sun 10/8	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Dorthea Binder (Kressler Family)
Mon 10/9	8:30 AM	Gladys Whitson (Carl & Catherine Niedzwiecki)
Tues 10/10	6:30 PM	Lloyd Hopkins (Sheila Kelment)
Wed 10/11	8:30 AM	Thelma Elves (Family)
Thu 10/12	8:30 AM	Eugene Zohner (Lorraine Stefanoski)
Fri 10/13	No Mass	
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)

Counting Our Blessings

9/24	Sunday Collection	\$3,716.00
	Latin America	\$143.00
	Donations	\$208.00
	Preservation & Renovation	\$190.00
	Other	\$6.00
	Total	\$4,263.00

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 8 to 14

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

Marian Catholic High School Open House

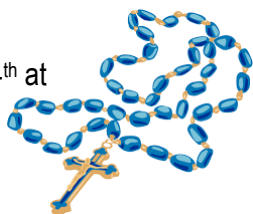
Saturday, Oct. 14th, 1:00-3:00

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

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.

Thank You

Thank you to all who attended our last breakfast. It was an excellent turnout and surpassed our anticipations. We served 230 persons. I do know of a glitch. We ran out of regular coffee just before closing and that's on me. I apologize and will take steps in the future to correct that situation. We host these breakfasts not only as a fundraiser for our charities, but also as a social event. We hope you all enjoyed this event and will join us in the future. Again, thank you for your participation!

Anthony Scarselletti
St. Nicholas Council 16656



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.

Lector Ministry Schedule

	October 14-15	October 21-22
Sat 4:30 PM	Steven Bertalan	Bill Caserta
Sun 8:30 AM	Tony Fixl	Barara Schmidt
Sun 10:30 AM	Carl Litwin	Brianna Pereira

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
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.