



## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.” - Mt 23:8-11

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**November 5, 2023**

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# TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction. (Mal 2:8)

**Psalms** — In you, Lord, I have found my peace. (Ps 131)

**Second Reading** — With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1Thes 2:8)

**Gospel** — “Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.” (Mt 23:3)

## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Pastor:** Rev. Adam C. Sedar, M.A., M.Div.

**Administrative Assistant:** Deacon Mike Kudla

### 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

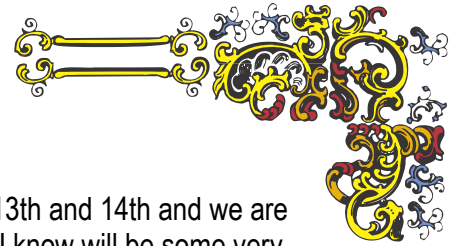
### Confessions:

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,

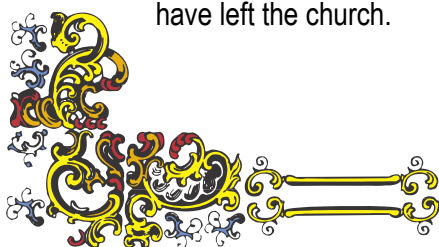
As I mentioned last week our Annual 40 Hours is coming up Nov 12th , 13th and 14th and we are very blessed to have Father Glen Sudano coming to be with us and offer us what I know will be some very uplifting, thoughtful and inspiring reflections. I pray this time will be one of great spiritual benefit to us all. This is also a great opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us. A simple and kind invitation could make all the difference in someone's life.

You hopefully have noticed we finally have the new votive candles in place before our shrines to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, though all the glass for the St. Joseph shrine has not arrived as of this writing. It is a very pious and ancient custom to light a candle before a statue or other holy image and offer a prayer to that saint asking for a special intention and also to pray for the souls of the deceased. In Judaism, a perpetual light was kept burning in the Temple and the synagogues not only to insure the ability to light other candles or oil lamps in the evening but also to show the presence of God. Later, the Talmud prescribed a lit lamp at the Ark, where the Torah and other writings of Sacred Scripture were kept, to show reverence to the Word of God. (This practice probably influenced our own tradition of having a lit candle near the Tabernacle to indicate the presence of and to show reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.)

Christians adapted the use of lit candles (or even oil lamps in the Eastern Roman Empire) for Mass, liturgical processions, evening prayer ceremonies, funeral processions, and, again, to show reverence to the reserved Blessed Sacrament. Moreover, there is evidence that lit candles or oil lamps were burned at the tombs of saints, particularly martyrs, by the 200s, and before sacred images and relics by the 300s. St. Jerome (d. 420) in his *Contra Vigilantium* attested to this practice. Note, however, that this practice probably existed well before our available written evidence.

As in early Christian times, we light a candle before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or of a saint. Of course, we do not honor the statue or the image itself, but the person whom that statue or image represents. The light signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business so that as the light from that candle continue to shine for many more hours or days, so our prayer remains and endures even after we have left the church.

Peace- Father Adam



## Congratulation to Our Two SJN Students that Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

- ◇ Catherine Anastasia Herr
- ◇ Emerson Luke Kress



## Counting Our Blessings

10/22	Sunday Collection	\$2,594.00
	School	\$11.00
	Mission Sunday	\$387.00
	Donations	\$208.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>

Thank You



# Mass Intentions:

- 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)
- Mon 11/6 8:30 AM Sylvia Taddeo (Theresa Taddeo)
- Tues 11/7 6:30 PM Members of St Nicholas Society
- Wed 11/8 8:30 AM Health & Wellness Brian Saab & Family (Cindy Saab)
- Thu 11/9 8:30 AM All Souls Day Intention
- Fri 11/10 No Mass
- Sat 11/11 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 11/12 8:30 AM Carmen Feola (Jeanette Noakes)  
10:30 AM Mary Ellen Meixsell (Joanne Kochmaruk)

## 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.

## Observances for the week of November 5, 2023

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

Tuesday: **Election Day**

Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day



## Lector Ministry Schedule

	November 11-12	November 18-19
Sat 4:30 PM	Bill Caserta	Paul Sparling
Sun 8:30 AM	Tony Fixl	Brian Keefe
Sun 10:30 AM	John McRoberts	Brianna Pereira

### 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 November 5 to 11

*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*

## Knights of Columbus



**St. Nicholas Council #16656 A Star Award Council** has been recognized for their church and community service and outreach programs.

Men that are practicing Catholics and 18 years old are eligible to join.

Call the Parish Office for more information. **To make your registration easier**, you can join the K of C online at [kofc.org/JoinUs](http://kofc.org/JoinUs).

**K of C** General Business Meeting 2nd Wed @ 6:30 PM, Officers' Meeting 4th Wed @ 7:30PM.

### 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!

### 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.



### Veterans Day

November 11

**Thank You for Your Service**



### St. Nicholas Basket Palooza

**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. The kitchen and bake sale will be open with delicious food and sweet treats. Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to this major fundraising event in any way; we couldn't do it without you!



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Boy Scouts

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

## 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).



## Saint Nicholas Parish Walnutport Annual 40 Hours Devotion

### A Eucharistic Retreat with Father Glen Sudano, C.F.R.

Sunday November 12 at 4PM  
Monday November 13 at 7PM  
Tuesday November 14 at 7PM

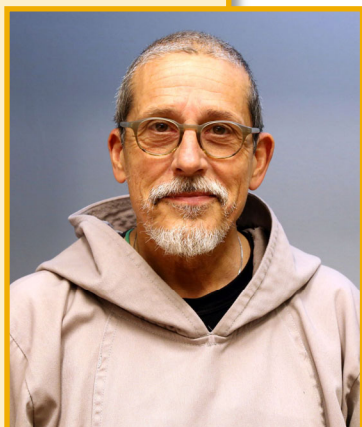
### Eucharistic Adoration All Day Each Day Confessions Monday and Tuesday at 5:30

Spiritual Talk by Father Glen and Benediction Each Evening

Father Glen will also be preaching our Morning Masses each day

Father Glenn is one of the eight Founding Members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, which was granted Pontifical Recognition on June 13, 2016. During the formative years of the Community, Father Glenn served as vocation director, novice master, and as community servant (Superior). He continues to serve the community and others through spiritual direction, pastoral counseling, spiritual deliverance ministry, preaching at parish missions and other forms of evangelizing.

Father Glenn has led retreats for private organizations and parishes throughout the United States and in Europe. He now serves as chaplain and director at Holy Family Farm, a faith-based initiative of Catholic laity.



## 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

## 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.

NOVEMBER		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 11/9	9:30am	Bill Caserta, Tim Gregory, Carl Litwin
Fri. 11/17	5:30pm	Mike & Donna Unger, Giovanna Noto
Fri. 11/24	9:30am	Tony Scarselletti, Diane Turner, Carl Niedzweicki
Thurs. 11/30	9:30am	Terry Rice, Maribeth Ward Lisa Pignataro