



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading — But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel — “Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.” (Mt 25:21)

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)

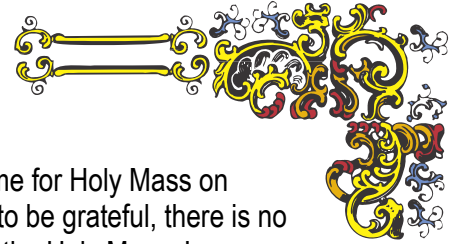
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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 we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, I hope you will plan on joining me for Holy Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 8:30. As we think about all the things we have for which to be grateful, there is no better way to begin a day of thanks to God than at the perfect act of thanksgiving, the Holy Mass. I pray your Thanksgiving day will be a blessed and peaceful one!

Below is a little article by Dr. Taylor Marshall on the history of this day in our country.

Peace- Father Adam

The Catholic Origins of Thanksgiving! TAYLOR MARSHALL

An interesting bit of trivia is that the first American Thanksgiving was actually celebrated on September 8, 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. The Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and the Holy Mass was offered. A second similar "Thanksgiving" celebration occurred on American soil on April 30, 1598 in Texas when Don Juan de Oñate declared a day of Thanksgiving to be commemorated by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Catholic origins of Thanksgiving don't stop there. Squanto, the beloved hero of Thanksgiving, was the Native American man who mediated between the Puritan Pilgrims and the Native Americans. Squanto had been enslaved by the English but he was freed by Spanish Franciscans. Squanto thus received baptism and became a Catholic. So it was a baptized Catholic Native American who orchestrated what became known as Thanksgiving.

All that being said, Thanksgiving is traditional Protestant and marks the tradition of religious toleration (something in which the Puritan pilgrims did not actually believe -- they set up a "theocracy").

My wife once taught at an high-church Episcopalian/Anglican classical school in Philadelphia. The school consciously played down the significance of Thanksgiving. Why? The reason is simple. At root, Thanksgiving commemorates the good fortune of political and ecclesiastical rebels against the Church of England and the Anglican tradition as a whole.

It all started with Richard Clyfton who was a Church of England parson in Nottinghamshire in the early 1600s. Clifton sympathized with the Separatists of that era. Separatists were Calvinistic non-conformists to the doctrine and liturgy of the Church of England. The Hampton Court Conference held by King James I (1604) condemned those who would not conform to the more outwardly Catholic usages in the Church of England (e.g. robes, candles, bowing the head at the name of Christ, processions). The result was that Richard Clyfton was "defrocked" and stripped of his clerical status in the Church of England. Shortly thereafter Richard Clyfton went to Amsterdam and was followed by his disciples: the Pilgrims.

These Pilgrims moved around a bit until finally coming to America in 1620. An interesting bit of trivia is that one child was born on board the Mayflower while at sea. The child was given the rather lame name: "Oceanus". Poor child. In 1621, the Pilgrims allegedly celebrated a happy meal with the Native Americans and the rest is history. So why would an Anglican school be against Thanksgiving? It celebrates those who defied the Church of England and the Crown of England.

Now that I'm no longer an Anglican and now a Catholic, things are a bit different. The penal laws of England regarding non-conformists affected not only the rigorous Calvinistic Puritans in England, but also the English Catholic recusants. The Pilgrims shared the same lot as the Catholic faithful of England.

Interestingly enough, the Catholics who lived in Nottinghamshire where the Pilgrims originated were persecuted mercilessly.

So while Thanksgiving may celebrate the Calvinists Separatists who fled England, Catholics might remember the same unjust laws that granted the crown of martyrdom to Thomas More, John Fisher, Edmund Campion, et al. are the same injustices that led the Pilgrims to Plymouth.

Another bit of trivia is that the truly "First Thanksgiving" celebration occurred on American soil on April 30, 1598 in Texas when Don Juan de Oñate declared a day of Thanksgiving to be commemorated by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

And let everyone remember that "Thanksgiving" in Greek is *Eucharistia*. Thus, the Body and Blood of Christ is the true "Thanksgiving Meal".





Mass Intentions:

- Sat 11/18 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 11/19 8:30 AM Frank Pesci (Gay Pesci)
10:30 AM Richard Charella (Rita Brew)
- Mon 11/20 8:30 AM All Souls Day Intention
- Tues 11/21 6:30 PM Maryanne Verkay (Friend)
- Wed 11/22 8:30 AM Richard Havin (Family)
- Thu 11/23 8:30 AM Taddeo & Danner Family
(Theresa Taddeo)
- Fri 11/24 No Mass
- Sat 11/25 4:30 PM People of the Parish
- Sun 11/26 8:30 AM Lewis and Janet Kern
(Kate Holland)
10:30 AM Carmen Feola
(Lorraine Gallagher)

Lector Ministry Schedule	
November 25-26	
Sat 4:30 PM	Steven Bertalan
Sun 8:30 AM	Jeanette Noakes
Sun 10:30 AM	Carl Litwin

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join us for mass on Thanksgiving Day at 8:30 AM.



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 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, premie & 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.

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 19 to 25

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.

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 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.

NOVEMBER		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Fri. 11/24	9:30am	Tony Scarselletti, Diane Turner, Carl Niedzweicki
Thurs. 11/30	9:30am	Terry Rice, Maribeth Ward Lisa Pignataro

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.

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.

Jingle and Mingle

The St. Nicholas North of 50 Group will be hosting a Christmas Charcuterie on Wednesday, November 29 at 2pm in the Social Hall.



Bring your best finger foods. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater. Join us for some fellowship before the craziness starts!

Sign up sheets on the tables at the doors

Contact: Ann Orsulak 610 392 1092
Lisa Pignataro. 610 737 4716

This Weekend

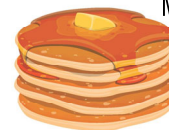


Knights of Columbus Council #16656

All You Can Eat Breakfast

\$10 - Age 11 and up ■ \$6 Age 6-10 ■
5 and Under Free

Pancakes
Sausage
Home Fries
Coffee/Tea/Juice



Made to order Omelets
Creamed Chip Beef
Ham
Toast

November 19, 2023
8am - 12:30pm

In the St. Nicholas Social Hall

Coloring Fun

To keep you busy while the turkey is cooking!



Thanks Be
to God!

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 on Thursdays at 6:30PM** (11/30, 12/14, 01/04, 01/18, and 02/01/2024).



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.

