



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

November 26, 2023

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading — When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

Gospel — “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” (Mt 25:31-32)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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PREP:

Grades K, 1, 2 Sun 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
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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)

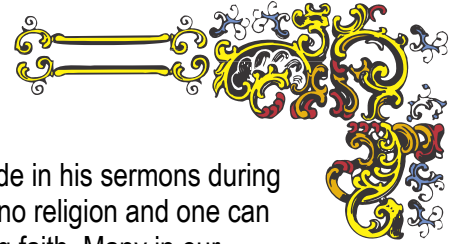
Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM
Benediction: 6:30 PM

Confessions:

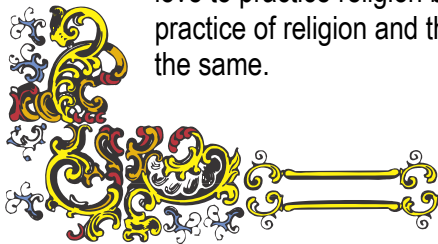
Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM
Tuesday: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM
(other times by appointment)

A Message from our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

As I write this I continue to reflect on some of the points Father Glenn made in his sermons during our 40 Hours this year. One of these is the idea that one can have some faith but no religion and one can have religion without faith, but both are necessary. Religion is the way of practicing faith. Many in our contemporary world have abandoned religion claiming to not need it to believe, worship, and follow God. While some, perhaps turned off by those who practice religion with very little or no faith, are very sincere in this, they are ultimately wrong. For one thing, as I wrote some months ago in our bulletin reflections, we owe God our thanks, our praise, our adoration and our petition. And these four things can only be truly fulfilled by the means that God has provided, especially and perfectly in the acts of adoration, praise, thanksgiving and petition, found in the Holy Mass. If faith is fire, then religion is the hearth. Imagine being given fire, like a burning torch. While it may bring some warmth and light for a while, it will ultimately either burn us or go out, without some way, some place, to contain and continue the fire, the hearth. In the hearth fire can be fed, can be used for light, for warmth and for cooking and many other things too. Religion, most especially our Catholic religion, with all its richness, provides a place for faith, a direction to faith, and ways and means to both harness and feed faith. The early disciples of Our Lord called themselves the followers of the Way, the way that is Christ Himself. Our religion is not man made, it is established by God Himself in the Second Person of The Trinity, Who became man and Who, in order to fulfill His mission of salvation, established a Church, through which the gift of faith is given, nourished and lived. While there are certainly those in the Church who seem to love to practice religion but have no faith, we must never let them discourage us. At the end of the day the practice of religion and the living of faith should go hand in hand, so much so that they become one and the same.



Peace- Father Adam

Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Observances for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father, In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love. Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen.

NOVEMBER		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 11/30	9:30am	Terry Rice, Maribeth Ward Lisa Pignataro



Mass Intentions:

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)
Mon 11/27	8:30 AM	All Souls Day Intention
Tues 11/28	6:30 PM	David Given (Family)
Wed 11/29	8:30 AM	Margaret Moss (Family)
Thu 11/30	8:30 AM	Elaine Frawley (Theresa Taddeo)
Fri 12/1	No Mass	
Sat 12/2	4:30 PM	Rodger Ladue (Kay Hanzl)
Sun 12/3	8:30 AM	Helen Edwards (Theresa Taddeo)
	10:30 AM	People of the Parish

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.

Flower Memorials from the Previous Week

St. Joseph Flowers

November 19 through 25

Frank Pesci (Gay Pesci)

Blessed Mother Flowers

November 19 through 25

Frank Pesci (Gay Pesci)



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 26 to December 2

Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of St. Nicholas Memorial Society

Wednesday Adorers

Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of Wednesday Adorers

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.

Ink Cartridges & Redner's Tapes

Save us \$\$\$! Place your used cartridges in the box in the portico and drop Redners Tapes in the box in the portico or in the collection basket. We will turn them in for credit!

Boy Scouts

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

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

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.

Lector Ministry Schedule

	December 2-3	December 9-10
Sat 4:30 PM	Paul Sparling	Kate Holland
Sun 8:30 AM	Barbara Schmidt	Tony Fixl
Sun 10:30 AM	Brianna Pereira	Sue Hankee

BINGO Fundraiser for Sacred Heart Palmerton

Sunday, November 19
at Mahoning
Ambulance Hall,
(Village of New Mahoning), Lehighton.



Doors open at 11:30 AM—Kitchen will be open,
BINGO starts at 1:00 PM.

Your choice of Boards or Paper Packages:

- **Board Packages: (3 Boards/6 Faces): \$15***
- **Paper Packages: (6 on Paper/6 Faces) \$20***

Package includes: 1 book of Specials, 1 Early bird Special and a ticket for drawing at Intermission.

Extra Boards, Specials, Jackpots, 50/50 can be purchased at the door. Food and drinks available for sale, Bake Sale, Cash Prizes

Refection on Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, “What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?”



I’m a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king’s most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, “this is our king” is to say, “we exist as a community, and we have a future.” Kingship isn’t primarily about the power of one person or family. It’s about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It’s not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let’s be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir

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.

Stations of the Cross

In support of Victims of Sexual Abuse and their Families

WHEN? 3 pm Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023
WHERE? Queenship of Mary Church
1324 Newport Ave.
Northampton, PA

ST. NICHOLAS FLOCKNOTE

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To sign up by smart phone: Simply text SAINTNICKS to 84576

You will receive a link to add additional information if you choose and to join specific groups with our parish.

To sign up without a smart phone: Login at <https://StNicholas6.flocknote.com/everyone>. From there you will be guided through a very simple sign-up process for email.

Have you been receiving our St. Nick’s News? Login at <https://StNicholas6.flocknote.com/everyone> to register your email and add St.NicksNews to your groups!